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Miss Christine Church, soprano, and Miss Edith B. Athey, pianist, will give the recital Tuesday evening at Studio Hall. In the artists-students' series Friday evening the program will be given by Mrs. Jesse Kester, contralto, and Miss Eby, the young pianist who made such a successful appearance last spring in a student's recital at the New Masonic Auditorium.

Miss Helma (Cheesman) of Brookland is visiting at Pittsburg, where she is at present the house guest of Mrs. Jane Packham Alexander. Among a number of pleasant affairs given in honor of Miss Cheesman was a musical Thursday evening by Mrs. Alexander, at which a number of Pittsburgh's leading musicians were present. An informal program by the honor guest included a group of German songs, "Wohin?" by Schubert; "Verborgene Heit," by Wolf; "Vergebliches Staendchen," by Brahms, and "La Serenata," by Post.

The quartet of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will sing today under direction of Edward B. Borchgrevink. The numbers this morning including "Tantum Ergo," by Woodward; "Jubilate Deo," by Woodard; "Behold the Days Come," by Woodward. Evening, "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis," by Clare; offertory, "Nunciatum, When Night Invades the Skies," by Shelly.

Mrs. John W. Daniel, Jr. who has been visiting at Pittsburg, where she is at present the house guest of Mrs. Jane Packham Alexander, has returned from his vacation trip, which was spent at his father's place in Flatbush, N. Y. During his stay there he substituted in the various churches, including one month in Old Trinity. Mr. Comstock is reorganizing his choir at Trinity Church, this city, where an elaborate season's work is planned.

McHenry McChord, organist and choir director of the Church of the Epiphany, has arranged the following music for the services today: Morning, "The Lord's Prayer," by Shelly.

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